

T-726  
Mary Caulk House  
St. Michaels  
Private

c. 1873

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-726

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

MARY CAULK HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number

407 Water Street

☐ not for publication

city, town

St. Michaels

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

First

state

Maryland

county

Talbot

## 3. Classification

**Category**☐ district☒ building(s)☐ structure☐ site☐ object**Ownership**☐ public☒ private☐ both**Public Acquisition**☐ in process☐ being considered☒ not applicable**Status**☒ occupied☐ unoccupied☐ work in progress**Accessible**☒ yes: restricted☐ yes: unrestricted☐ no**Present Use**☐ agriculture☐ commercial☐ educational☐ entertainment☐ government☐ industrial☐ military☐ museum☐ park☒ private residence☐ religious☐ scientific☐ transportation☐ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street &amp; number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Talbot County Clerk of Court

liber 324

street &amp; number

Talbot County Courthouse

folio 424

city, town

Easton

state MD

21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mary Caulk house is a two-story, two-bay frame dwelling that stands at 407 Water Street in the center of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1873, the two-story, two-bay frame house rests on a low brick foundation, and it is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The medium pitched asphalt shingle roof is finished with a plain boxed cornice and flush gable ends. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story wing which extends farther east by a single story addition.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical two-bay facade with a side entrance and an adjacent six-over-six sash window. The partially glazed front door, topped by a three-light transom, is sheltered by a single bay gable roofed porch. The window is flanked by board shutters. A pair of six-over-six sash windows also hung with board shutters light the second floor.

The north wall is a plain asbestos shingled wall surface aside from a single six-over-six sash window on the first floor, and a small louvered vent in the upper gable. The south gable end is partially covered by a car-port addition.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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YEAR: 1955 VOL: 324 PAGE: 424 PRICE:  
FROM: Mary Elizabeth Peddicord and Harry Peddicord  
TO: Claude F. Sewell and Anna H. Sewell  
NOTES: Begin at the SW corner of Robert L. Baynard; run SE with Water Street 30' to Dawson C. Caulk; then NE 120' more or less to the water; 30' with the shore-line; then W 120' to the beginning.  
Conveyed to Elizabeth Pratt and Mary Elizabeth Peddicord by Doris K. Farmer 1945, 262/262. Elizabeth Pratt conveyed her interest to Peddicord 1951, 293/437.

YEAR: 1945 VOL: 262 PAGE: 262 PRICE:  
FROM: Doris K. Farmer  
TO: Elizabeth Pratt and Mary Elizabeth Peddicord  
NOTES: Title clearance  
1945, 262/261 Elizabeth Pratt, widow to Doris K. Farmer  
Title clearance.  
Conveyed to Elizabeth Pratt and George N. Pratt by Mary E. Caulk, widow 1920, 186/257.

YEAR: 1920 VOL: 186 PAGE: 257 PRICE: \$1140  
FROM: Mary E. Caulk  
TO: Elizabeth Pratt and George N. Pratt  
NOTES: Same description.  
Conveyed to Mary Caulk by Dawson C. Caulk 1872, 78/297

YEAR: 1872 VOL: 78 PAGE: 297 PRICE: \$15  
FROM: Dawson C. Caulk  
TO: Mary E. Caulk  
NOTES: Begins at William G. Jump; runs 30 feet SE to the division line of Dawson C. Caulk. Being 1/2 of lot 54. This deed marks the subdivision of 60 foot lot 54 into two 30-foot lots.

YEAR: 1845 VOL: 59 PAGE: 178 PRICE:  
FROM: John Bozman Kerr, Trustee for the estate of Samuel Harrison  
TO: Dawson Caulk  
NOTES: Lot 54.  
Unable to locate a conveyance of lot 54 to Samuel Harrison who died in 1837.

YEAR: 1816 VOL: 38 PAGE: 319 PRICE:

FROM: William Skinner

TO: William Harrison

NOTES: Both lot 54 and adjacent lot 53 were included in this sale.

YEAR: 1812 VOL: 35 PAGE: 140 PRICE:

FROM: John Edmondson, Trustee for estate of Thomas Groves

TO: William Skinner

NOTES: Lots 53 and 54.

Thomas Groves was murdered in Queen Anne County.

YEAR: 1782 VOL: 21 PAGE: 253 PRICE:

FROM: James Braddock

TO: Thomas Groves (Mariner or Innholder)

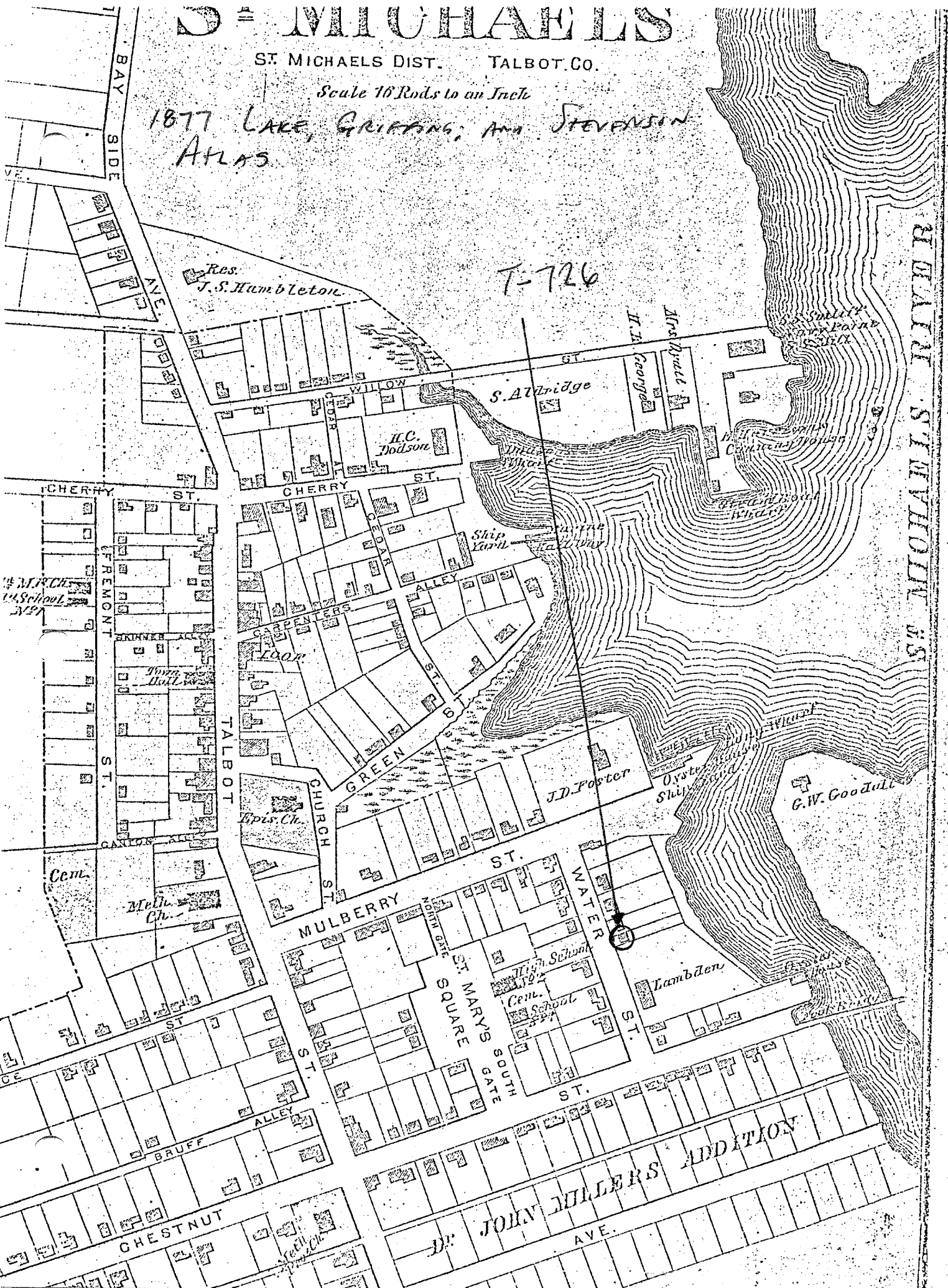
NOTES: Lots 47, 53 and 54 were included in the sale. Deed states the lot is part of "The Beach".

# ST. MICHAELS

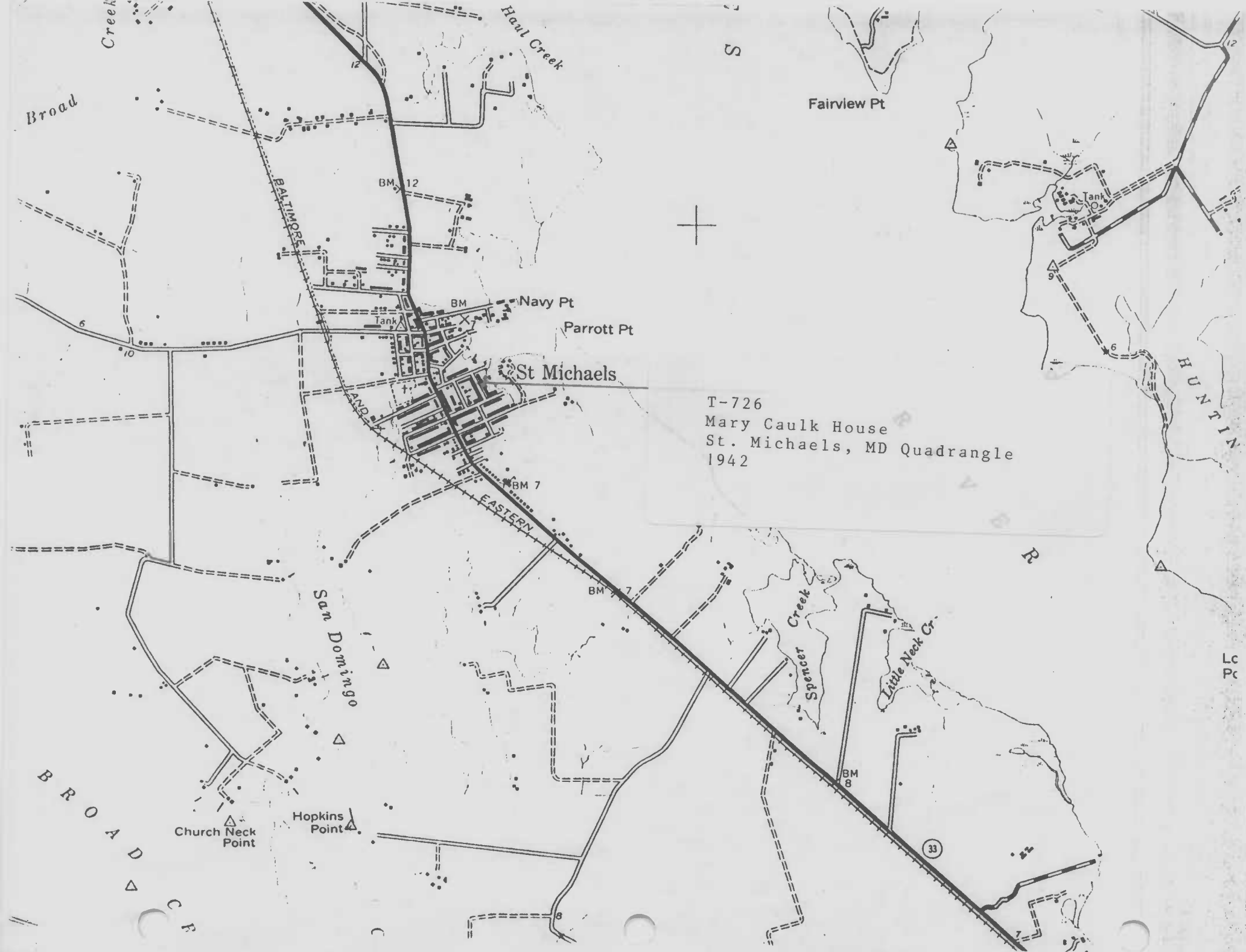
ST. MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

1877 LAKE, GRIPPING, AND STEVENSON  
ATLAS









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St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

Northwest elevation

6/89, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust